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In re application of

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For: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR AN ANTENNA  
ARRAY WITH SWITCHABLE WIDE ANGLE CHARACTERISTIC

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.033

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited by the Examiner in the corresponding PCT Application (PCT/DE01/00952). Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and copies of the search reports, are provided herewith.

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,943,011
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,028,624
3. French Patent No. 2 781 087
4. Merrill, I. Skolnik: "Radar Handbook", 1990,  
McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York
5. U.S. Patent No. 3,176,297

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Document 1 was cited as relevant "X" type references.

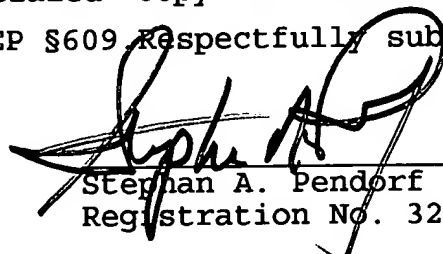
Documents 2, 3, 4, and 5 were cited as state of the art "A" type references.

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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedated or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609. Respectfully submitted,

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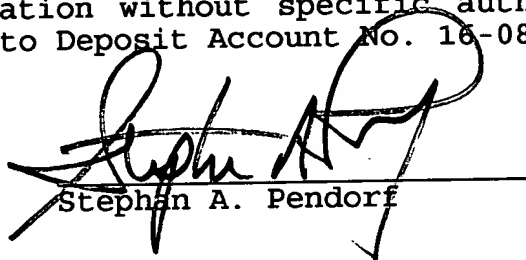
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I hereby certify that the foregoing INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Form PTO-1449, including five documents, for U.S. Application No. 09/979,564 filed November 14, 2001, were deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 24, 2002.

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